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TINO, the TERRIBLE TEEN,
RETURNS IN...
"The KOOK AND THE KILOWATT KILLER!"



THE WORLD'S GREATEST FEAR-FIGHTERS

RED IS DEAD! THE FIERY-HAIRED CHALLENGER SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR A WORLD THAT WILL LITTLE CARE OR LONG REMEMBER HIM! * AND NOW THERE ARE ONLY THREE CHALLENGERS TO BATTLE THE STRANGEST AND MOST DANGEROUS DUO EVER --

The **KOOK** **AND THE** **KILOWATT KILLER**



WATCH IT, ROCKY! POWER MAN STILL HAS PLENTY OF PUNCH LEFT IN HIM!

YEAH, WE KNOW, BUT HIS ENERGY IS RUNNING DOWN! SO WE'LL TRY TO STALL HIM UNTIL--

HAVE YOU GUYS FLIPPED? IF HE REACHES THE 'ELECTRO-TURBINES' THERE, HE'LL BE ABLE TO "GAS UP" AGAIN! AND THEN HE'LL KNOCK US ALL RIGHT THROUGH THIS WALL OF CONCRETE!

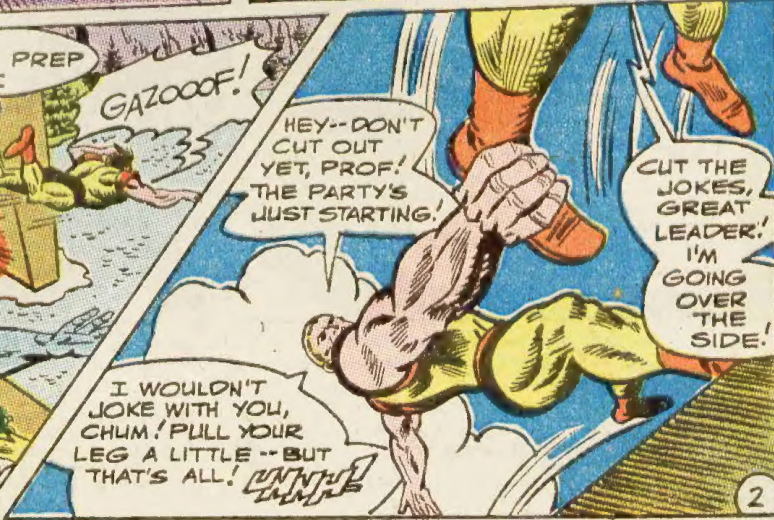
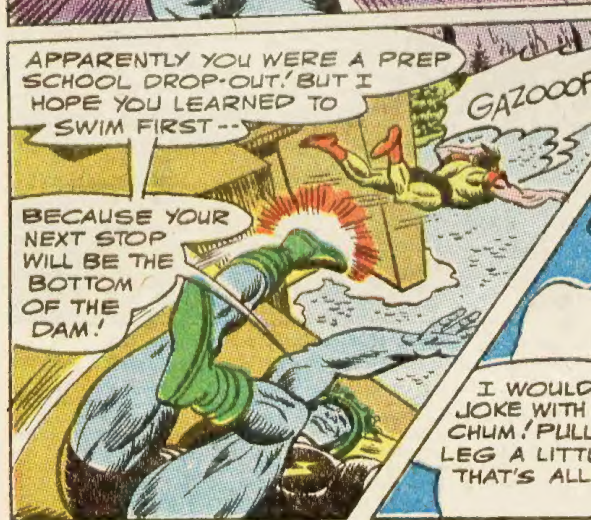
* THAT WAS IN NO. 55, ALREADY BEING HAILED AS A COMIC MAG CLASSIC, WHEN THE OLD RED-HEAD SACRIFICED HIMSELF! NO OTHER MAG CAN CLAIM HAVING KILLED OFF A HERO, BUT THAT'S THE WAY THE COOKIE HAD TO CRUMBLE! AND THE CHALLS SCORED AN HISTORIC FIRST! -- ED.

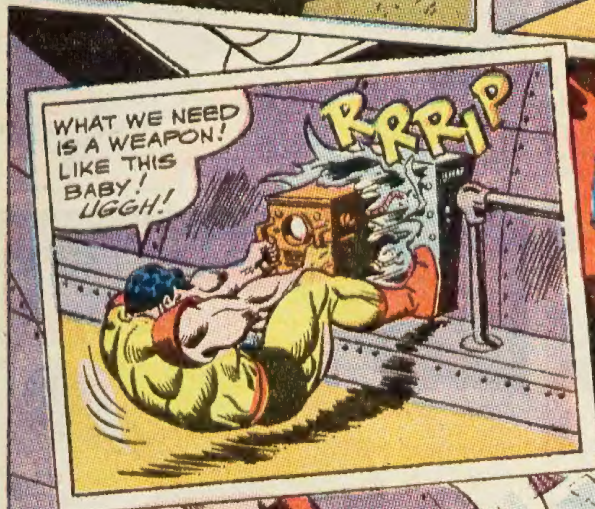
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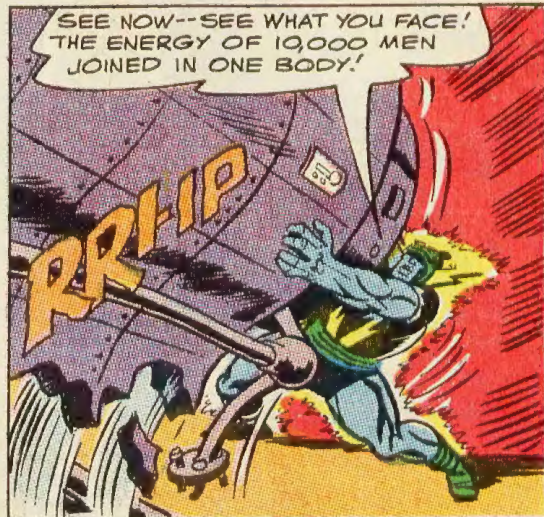
OKAY, MEN, THIS IS
OUR CUE--LET'S
FINISH HIM OFF!

BUT, WITH ONE FINAL EFFORT, POWER MAN
SNAPS THE GENERATOR LINE...



NOW, YOU FEEBLE FOOLS--
THE ELECTRICITY IS
FLOWING THROUGH MY
BODY, ENERGIZING ME
ONCE MORE INTO AN
INVINCIBLE HUMAN
BOLT OF LIGHTNING!

LIKE HE'S
NOT JUST
WHISTLIN'
"DIXIE!"



SEE NOW--SEE WHAT YOU FACE!
THE ENERGY OF 10,000 MEN
JOINED IN ONE BODY!



DISCRETION
IS THE
BETTER
PART OF
VALOR,
BOYS!

ENGLISH
TRANS-
LATION--
LAST MAN
OUT IS A--
MESS!

CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.



THIS STEEL DOOR IS A BREAK FOR US! GET YOUR SHOULDERS BEHIND IT AND WE'LL BLOCK OFF POWER MAN!

RIGHT! UGH! MUST BE ELECTRICALLY POWERED, NORMALLY WEIGHS A TON!



KALANING

THERE SHE GOES! THAT OUGHT TO SLOW DOWN THE ENERGY BOY!

IF IT DOESN'T--MAN, WE'VE REALLY GOT TROUBLE!

--LIKE WITH A CAPITAL T-N-T!



BARRAM

H-H-HOW WAS THAT YOU WERE SPELLING TROUBLE?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPELL IT-- YOU CAN SMELL IT!

IF YOU GUYS WANT TO CONTINUE THIS CONVENTION, GO RIGHT AHEAD! ONLY THIS DELEGATE IS PULLING OUT-- POSTWASTE!

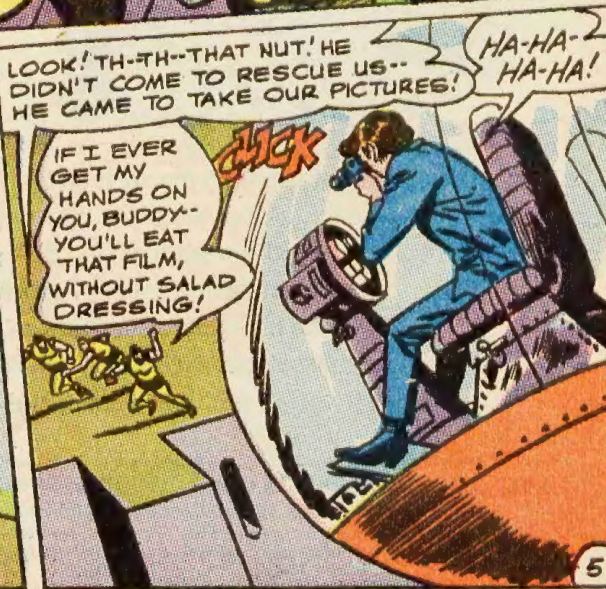
IF THAT MEANS, FAST-- YOU GOT A TRAVELING COMPANION! NAMELY, ME!



WHUH-WHUH WHUH

HEY-- LOOKS LIKE HELP IS ON THE WAY!

AND NOT A MILI-SECOND TOO SOON! YOU UP THERE-- DROP US A ROPE LADDER! HURRY!



LOOK! TH-TH-- THAT NUT! HE DIDN'T COME TO RESCUE US-- HE CAME TO TAKE OUR PICTURES!

HA-HA-HA-HA!

IF I EVER GET MY HANDS ON YOU, BUDDY-- YOU'LL EAT THAT FILM, WITHOUT SALAD DRESSING!

CLICK

ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO, MEN--
TOSS THIS LITTLE BLACK BABY AT
POWER MAN!



BA-WHOOF

THAT HOME-
MADE SMOKE
BOMB'S GOT
HIM WALTZING
AROUND IN
CIRCLES!
LET'S TAKE
OFF!

KAFF! KAFF!
AARRGH!
KAFF!

SEE YOU
AGAIN,
POWER
PUSS!
ONLY NEXT
TIME WE'LL
BE READY
FOR YOU!



LATER, AT THEIR NEW HEAD-
QUARTERS BENEATH THE
SEA...

MAN, I'M
ACTUALLY
ASHAMED AT
US FOR THE
FIRST TIME--
THE WAY WE
RAN OUT ON
THAT POWER
MAN!

YOU'LL
BLUSH A
DARN
SIGHT
MORE WHEN
YOU GET
A LOAD
OF THIS
PAPER!



THAT FINK IN THE 'COPTER--
HE DID THIS! MAKIN' US
LOOK LIKE A PACK OF
YELLOW RATS, AND I'LL
BET'CHYA HE'S THAT
TEEN KOOK WHO TRIED
TO KILL US IN MEXICO!*

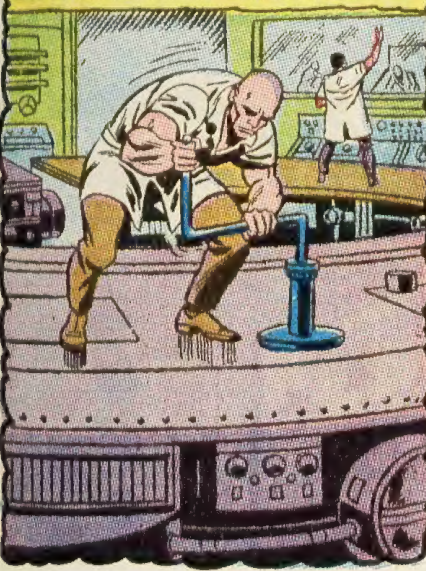


HMM, I KNOW I'VE
SEEN THAT YOUNG
PUNK SOME
PLACE BEFORE--
HIS FACE WAS
ON THE TIP OF
MY TONGUE!

IN THAT CASE,
YOU SHOULD
HAVE BITTEN
HIS EAR OFF!
ANYWAY,
FORGET
HIM! OUR JOB
IS TO PAY BACK
POWER MAN!
NOW WHAT DO
WE KNOW ABOUT
HIM?



"WE KNOW HE WAS A CRIMINAL
SCIENTIST WHO'D BEEN WORKING
ON A GIANT ATOM SMASHER..."



"...WHEN SUDDENLY THE CYCLOTRON BECAME OVER-
LOADED AND HE WAS BOMBARDED WITH A MASS
OF WILD ENERGY!"



WHEN HE EMERGED,
HE WAS **POWER**
MAN. A BEING OF
LIMITLESS POWER--
ABLE TO DRAW
ENERGY FROM
ANY SOURCE--
ELECTRICAL,
MAGNETIC,
THERMAL--

--YEAH, YEAH. A
WALKIN' **POWER**
PLANT. LISTEN,
THIS IS THE KIND
OF **EGGHEAD**
PROBLEM THAT
PROF SHOULD
HANDLE. BUT WHERE
IS HE?

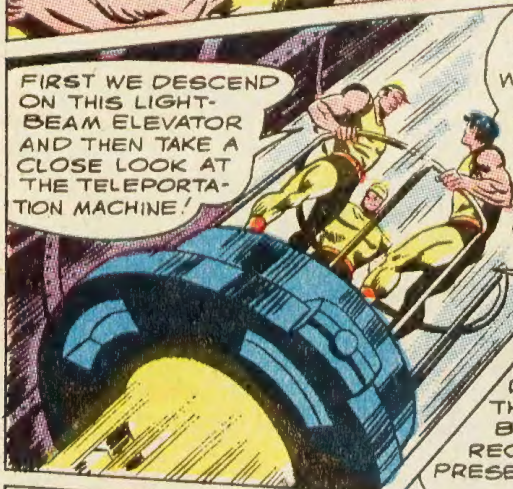
COMING,
GOOD
BUDDY!

I'VE BEEN DOING SOME
MORE INVESTIGATING OF
THOSE FANTASTIC GIZMOS
LEFT US BY THE ALIEN,
SCIENTIST-X. AND I'VE
MADE QUITE A
DISCOVERY. FOLLOW ME!

LISTEN, THIS IS
NO TIME TO BE
PLAYING WITH
ATOMIC-POWERED
TINKER-TOYS!



FIRST WE DESCEND
ON THIS LIGHT-
BEAM ELEVATOR
AND THEN TAKE A
CLOSE LOOK AT
THE TELEPORTA-
TION MACHINE!



HUH? BUT WE
KNOW WHAT THAT
DOES ALREADY--
WE'VE USED IT A
FEW TIMES TO
TRANSPORT
OUR BODIES
HALF-WAY
'ROUND
THE WORLD!

YES, BUT WE
DIDN'T KNOW
THERE WAS A
BUILT-IN TAPE-
RECORDER THAT
PRESERVED PICTURES
OF EVERY TRIP!



H-H-HEY, THAT'S
ME, FIGHTIN'
THAT POLAR BEAR
WHEN YOU TELE-
PORTED ME TO
THE ARCTIC TO
INVESTIGATE
SOME EARTH
TREMORS!
HOW
ABOUT
THAT!

FASCINATING!
BUT THAT
STILL DOESN'T
TELL US HOW
TO HANDLE
POWER
MAN!

AND IT
DOESN'T REMIND ME
WHO THAT TEEN FINK
IS WHO TRIED TO
KNOCK US OFF!

WHAT ELSE
DO YOU WANT
IT TO DO--
COOK YOUR
MORNING
EGGS AND
BACON?

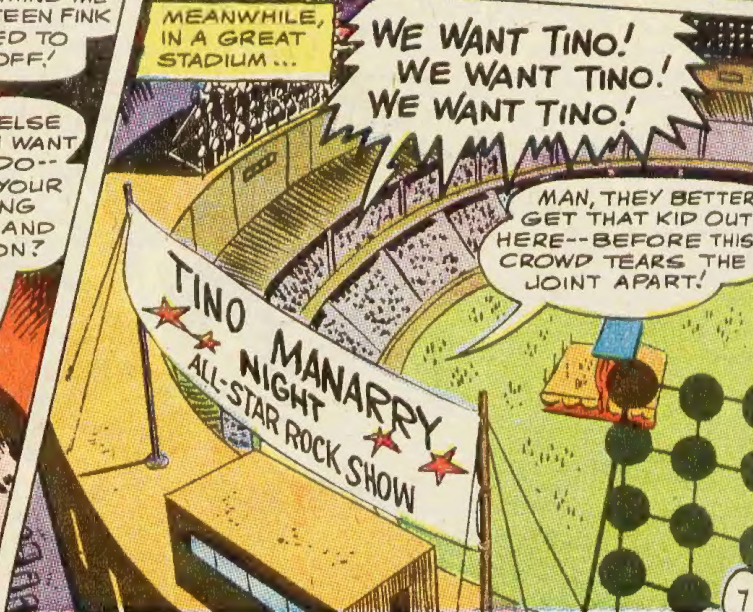


MEANWHILE,
IN A GREAT
STADIUM...

WE WANT TINO!
WE WANT TINO!
WE WANT TINO!

MAN, THEY BETTER
GET THAT KID OUT
HERE--BEFORE THIS
CROWD TEARS THE
JOINT APART!

TINO
★ MANARRY
★ NIGHT
★ ALL-STAR ROCK SHOW



YOU'RE TINO'S MANAGER-- GET HIM OUT HERE! THEY PAID \$100,000 TO HEAR THAT KID SING! AND IF HE DOESN'T-- THEY'LL TAKE IT OUT OF MY HIDE!

OKAY! OKAY! TAKE IT EASY! LET 'EM SCREAM A LITTLE! IT'S GOOD FOR THEIR RESPIRATORY SYSTEMS!



TINO! GET OUT HERE! THEY'RE TEARIN' THE PLACE APART! THE PRODUCER'S GOIN' OUT OF HIS BRAIN! MOVE, BOY!

DON'T LOSE YOUR COOL, DADDY-O! TINO-BABY'S ON HIS WAY!



JUS' ONE LI'L OL' SECOND, DOLL!

ONE MORE SECOND TO ENJOY THIS SHOT I TOOK! MADE THOSE CHALLENGERS LOOK LIKE SUCKERS!



HO-OH! THE KID KOOK IS ABOUT TO SIGN UP WITH MR. KILOWATT HIMSELF! THE WORST IS YET TO COME--SO TURN PAGES, BABY! TURN!



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Dear Editor: Well, Red Ryan is dead! So what? He's been living on borrowed time for the past 10 years anyway, and he certainly couldn't have expected a very long life with the risks he was constantly taking. What really made "Taps for Red" in CHALLS #55 a classic was the way Red died. He wasn't risking his life, not taking a chance that he might perish. He caused his own death so that others might live. This is what made his sacrifice so heroic and why I will never forget this issue of the CHALLS as long as I live!

—Donald D. Markstein, New Orleans, La.

"It was just too impossible to explain for words," writes John Bastone from Montreal, Canada. "The moment I saw the cover of CHALLS #55, I just had to buy it. It was stupendous! I don't think it could ever be surpassed! . . . "Magnificent and superb!" shouts Dale McNamara of Peabody, Mass. . . . "The story was one of the best I've ever read," states Gary Brown of Tampa, Fla. . . . "Absolutely the most fantastic yarn I ever read. The cover had a magnetic quality that drew me irresistably to it," says David Smith of Valley Stream, N.Y., "and the story itself lived up to every promise!" . . . "I'm a little angry about you supposedly killing off Red. In the past, I've often been unable to buy the CHALLS, but now that you've proved to be so daring, I'm going to make every effort to get each copy because they're the best heroes to come along," insists David Tarr of Baltimore, "and I'd like to see the guy who says different!"

"Issue #55 was so crackling good, enclosed is my money for a subscription," writes James Mell of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, "because I don't want to chance missing a single story about the greatest team in comics' kingdom! And since you did away with him, not that I have anything against Red, keep him dead!" . . . "I was filled with awe by the strange and surprising passing of ol' Carrot-Top," Dan Dias of Santa Clara, Calif., claims. "It took a stroke of sheer genius to compress such an epic into one issue!"

But on the other hand: "It's an outrage, doing that to Red," cries Kenneth Belden of Sylmar, Calif. . . . "Are you mad, doing such a thing?" complains Richard Pileggi of Brooklyn. "I'll still be a loyal fan, but don't wipe out any more of the CHALLS." . . . "I was just recovering from a case of ulcers brought on by a recent CHALLS' episode when I came across #55. All I remember was taking a glimpse at the cover and the next thing I knew two friends were picking me

up from the floor," snaps Joe Latino of West Springfield, Mass. "I had to wait an hour before I had the courage to read it." . . . "Wow! I didn't think it could ever happen. You removed my favorite hero," wails Terry Smith from Orient, Ohio. "What nerve!" . . . "The CHALLS have been in business for 10 years, 7 months, and with your current, realistic approach, a guy had to be knocked off sometime, but you made too big a deal of something that was handled badly," argues Mike Friedrich of Castro Valley, Calif. "Yet believe it or not, I liked the story overall!"

Wowee! Did we get a flood of fan mail in response to Red's demise! In making comics mag history, we really stirred up a hornets' nest. We were applauded and denounced, but the overwhelming majority of readers favored our daring feat. Some skeptics denied that Red actually was dead and pondered the possibilities of this being a hoax. Others accepted his fate and offered suggestions for extricating him. For instance, Thomas Stevenson of North Tonawanda, N.Y. advised, "Have Red come back as a ghost. Of course, ol' Carrot-Top's compatriots learn he's a ghost, and his spectral powers come in pretty handy" . . . "Villo's super-computer, Brainex, can restore Red's life," offers James Schneck from Canton, Ohio . . . "You can always invent an alien civilization to rescue him," says Margaret Jessen of Peotone, Ill. "These people had Earth under observation and had protected Red with a personal force-shield." . . . "He can be revived by making use of that alien Scientist-X, whose fantastic knowledge can easily make the impossible possible," says Greg Thomas of San Jose, Calif. And, of course, Pfc. Thomas A. Chicarella of an Airborne Brigade stationed in Viet Nam echoes the thoughts of others when he V-mails, "Are we to assume this is for real? Hmmm?"



Okay, everyone, keep your cool and stop peeping over our shoulder into our crystal ball! As to what the future will bring, we can't clue you in. But this we can divulge. We have great and glorious plans for the CHALLS—and that swingin', tempestuous teen named Tino. They're gonna be a blast, we kid you not!

DIRECT CURRENTS

The Old Electrician is back with another battery of super-charged stories, so jam-full of electrifying action that they're sure to deliver the biggest jolt since someone told Ben Franklin to go fly a kite! But you aren't here to read introductions, no matter how magnificent the prose it's written in. So, without further ado—on to the previews of coming attractions!

The **BLOCKBUSTER** is the one foe who has proved too tough for **BATMAN**—but not for **BRUCE WAYNE**! Imagine, then, the peril that faces the **MASKLESS BATMAN** when he comes to grips with the **BRUTISH BEHEMOTH** and discovers that his **BRUCE** face can no longer protect him! "**THE BLOCKBUSTER GOES BAT-MAD**," in the August issue, No. 194, on sale June 6!

The world's **WEIRDEST** death-race is run off in the September **TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED**, No. 102! And there are two other entries romping close behind—"THE **DOOMSDAY DRUM**" and "**BANG! BANG! YOU'RE DEAD**"—mood-filled favorites, which will leave you gasping at the finish line! You can read 'em on June 6!

If you think **BADGER** is a baddie, wait'll you meet his kid-brother cut-up, **BEASTLEY**! The **DALTONS** and **JAMES BOYS** were angels compared to these two! When little **BEASTLEY** runs riot, everyone at **BENEDICT ARNOLD HIGH** trembles—but you'll shake with laughter at the beautiful baby contest which climaxes the September **BOB HOPE**, No. 106,

on sale June 11!



If you expect to see the **SCARLET SPEEDSTER** on the cover of the August **FLASH**—forget it! He's been tangling with **GRODD**, the **SUPER-GORILLA**, and now all that's left of him is his **EMPTY UNIFORM**—the amazing development that occurs when "**GRODD PUTS THE SQUEEZE ON FLASH!**" In issue No. 172, on sale June 6!



"**WHO DARES TO CHALLENGE THE 'ARSENAL'?**" That's the cry (as well as the title of our action-filled adventure) that rings through a cringing city. And who **DOES** dare? You guessed it—the **WORLD'S STRANGEST HEROES**, in the August **DOOM PATROL**, No. 113, on sale June 6! Also, another pulse-pounding installment of **BEAST BOY'S** life!

The **HAUNTED TANK** was on the most rugged mission of its explosive life! It was the only armored vehicle left which was still valiantly trying to obey its C.O.'s order—"STAY ALIVE UNTIL DARK!" This tense, suspenseful tale of battle adventure rumbles your way in the September **G.I. COMBAT**, No. 125, on June 8!

Can the **KING OF BEASTS** make himself **EMPEROR OF EARTH**? **LION-MANE** not only possessed the super-powers to accomplish this feat—he was under an irresistible compulsion to do so! "**ATTACK OF THE JUNGLE JUGGERNAUT**" in the September issue of **HAWKMAN**, No. 21, which hits the stands on June 8! Don't miss this one!

You wanted him back . . . so the **COMPOSITE SUPERMAN** returns in the August **WORLD'S FINEST**, No. 168! Yes, **SUPERMAN** and **BATMAN** again tangle with the only villain who has ever defeated them **BOTH** . . . the crook who has **ALL** the powers of the **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES**! You've never seen such a battle . . . and you'll never guess the surprise finish! On sale June 13.

I HAVEN'T JUST BEEN PLAYING WITH THESE "TOYS" OF SCIENTIST-X, CHUMS! TAKE THESE DRONE MISSILES, FOR EXAMPLE! THEY'RE GOING TO FIND POWER MAN FOR US!

NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'! ONLY HOW ARE THOSE TIN CIGARS GONNA DO THAT?

THEY EACH CARRY TV CAMERAS! WE'LL DEPLOY THEM IN THE GENERAL AREA WHERE WE FOUGHT POWER MAN AND DO A SKY SEARCH!

I'VE PROGRAMMED THEM TO TRACE A SEARCHING NET ACROSS THE AREA AND RADIO BACK PICTURES OF ALL THEY "SEE!"

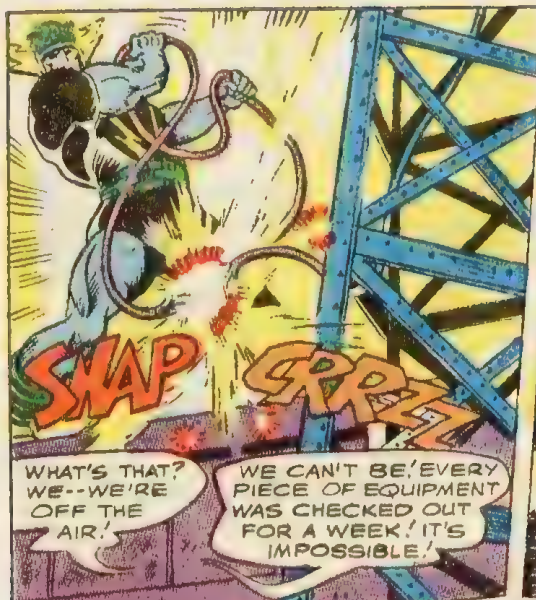
WHOOOSH WHOOOSH

IF HE'S OUT THERE IN THE OPEN-- ANYWHERE WITHIN 500 MILES OF WHERE WE LAST SAW HIM-- THEY'LL FIND HIM-- AND WE'LL DO THE REST!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE HEART OF THE 500-MILE ZONE...

YES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY STATION WMZL-TV INAUGURATES ITS NEW 500,000-WATT TRANSMITTER, BRINGING YOU THE CLEAR-EST IMAGE OF THE FINEST ENTERTAINMENT IN AMERICA!

BLESSINGS ON YOU, MY TELEVISION FRIENDS! THAT HALF-MILLION WATTS OF ENERGY WILL MAKE A TASTY MEAL FOR-- POWER MAN!



WHAT'S THAT?
WE--WE'RE
OFF THE
AIR!

WE CAN'T BE! EVERY
PIECE OF EQUIPMENT
WAS CHECKED OUT
FOR A WEEK! IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

THIS--IS THE MOST--
ENERGY--I'VE EVER
ABSORBED! AND
WITH EACH UNIT
OF POWER--MY
BODY EXPANDS



NOTHING CAN
STOP ME
NOW! MY
STRENGTH IS
LIMITLESS!



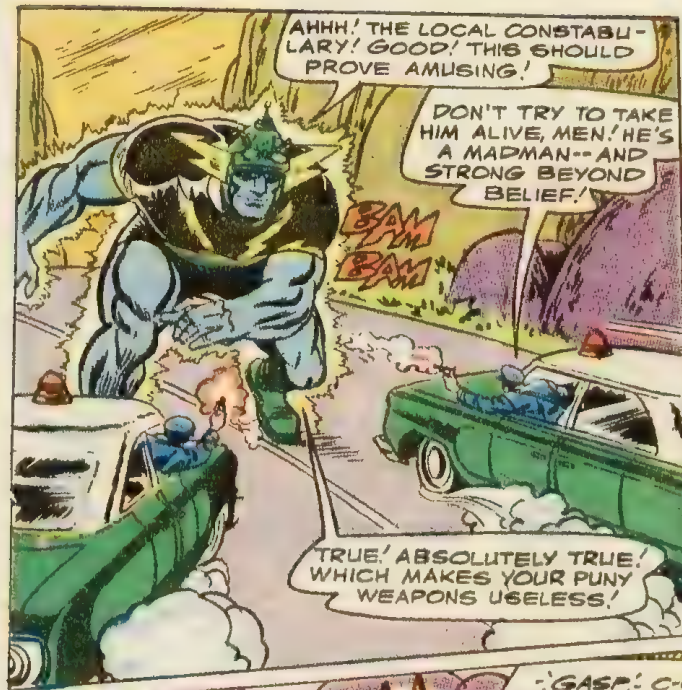
I WILL MOVE FROM
ONE ENERGY SOURCE
TO THE NEXT--GROWING
AT EACH STOP--UNTIL I
CONTAIN ALL THE
POWER IN THE LAND!

GET OUT, MILLIKIN!
A MAD GIANT-- SMASHING
THE BUILDING! RUN!



YES--RUN! RUN!
AND YOU ARE BUT
THE FIRST! ALL
MEN WILL RUN
IN TERROR
BEFORE MY
UNENDING
FORCE!

SOON, WHOLE
NATIONS WILL BE
MY SLAVES--THEN
ENTIRE CONTINENTS
THEN--THE WORLD!



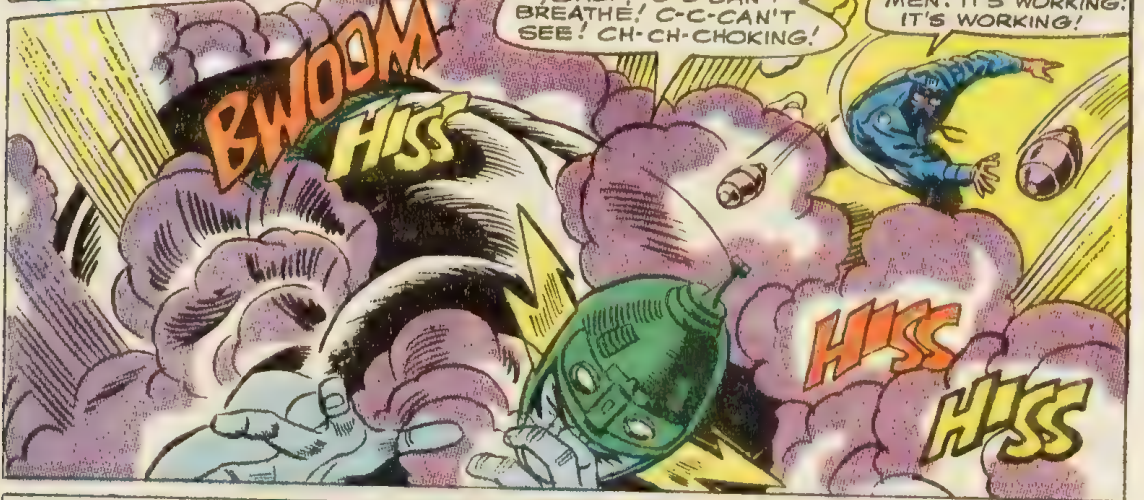
AHHH! THE LOCAL CONSTABULARY! GOOD! THIS SHOULD PROVE AMUSING!

DON'T TRY TO TAKE HIM ALIVE, MEN! HE'S A MADMAN--AND STRONG BEYOND BELIEF!

TRUE! ABSOLUTELY TRUE! WHICH MAKES YOUR PUNY WEAPONS USELESS!



MAYBE BULLETS WON'T BRING YOU DOWN-- BUT THIS WILL! GIANT OR NOT--YOU'VE GOT TO BREATHE LIKE THE REST OF US!



BWOOM
HIS

GASP! C-C-CAN'T BREATHE! C-C-CAN'T SEE! CH-CH-CHOKING!

KEEP POURING IT ON, MEN! IT'S WORKING! IT'S WORKING!

HISS
HISS



IS THIS-- GASP!-- HOW IT MUST END-- CHOKE!-- FOR POWER MAN?

THE MIGHTIEST MAN-- COUGH-- THAT EVER LIVED--
ARRRRGH-- CRUSHED BY THESE FLEAS?
GASP!

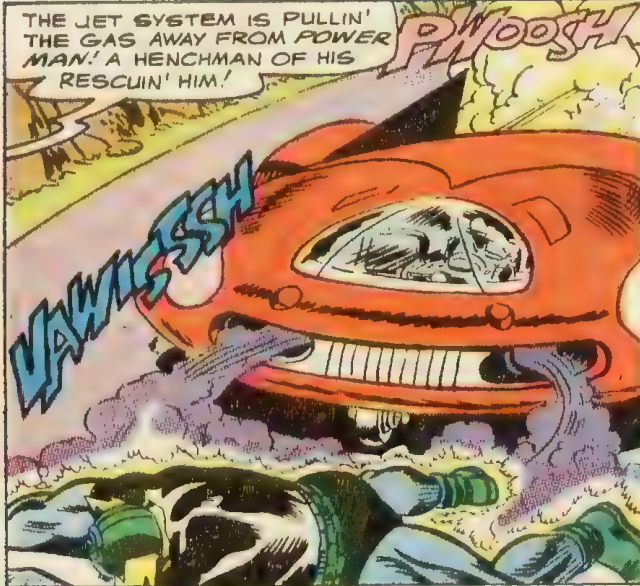


SUDDENLY...

UP THERE! WHAT IS IT?

LIKE NO CAR I EVER SAW!

RACING STRAIGHT FOR POWER MAN! WHAT'S IT UP TO?



THE JET SYSTEM IS PULLIN' THE GAS AWAY FROM POWER MAN! A HENCHMAN OF HIS RESCUIN' HIM!

PWOOSH



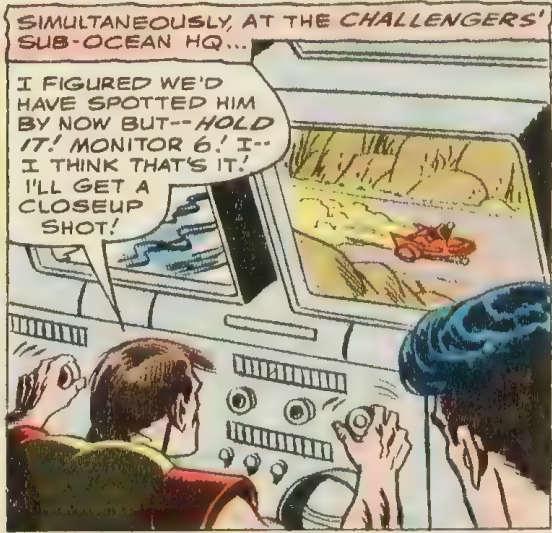
GOODBYE, FRIENDS! IT HAS BEEN DELIGHTFUL! BUT ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END!

WHOOOSH



WHO ARE YOU? WHY-- WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

SHUT UP AND CLIMB ON BOARD! BULLETS MAY NOT HURT YOU-- BUT THEY DON'T IMPROVE MY LOOKS! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!



SIMULTANEOUSLY, AT THE CHALLENGERS' SUB-OCEAN HQ...

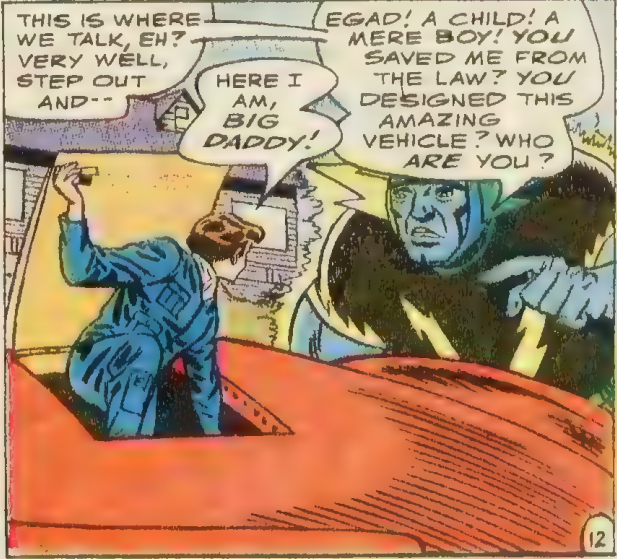
I FIGURED WE'D HAVE SPOTTED HIM BY NOW BUT-- HOLD IT! MONITOR 6! I-- I THINK THAT'S IT! I'LL GET A CLOSEUP SHOT!



THERE'S OUR HAPPINESS BOY! OUT TAKING THE AIR!

HE'S BIGGER NOW-- LOTS BIGGER! AND MORE DANGEROUS!

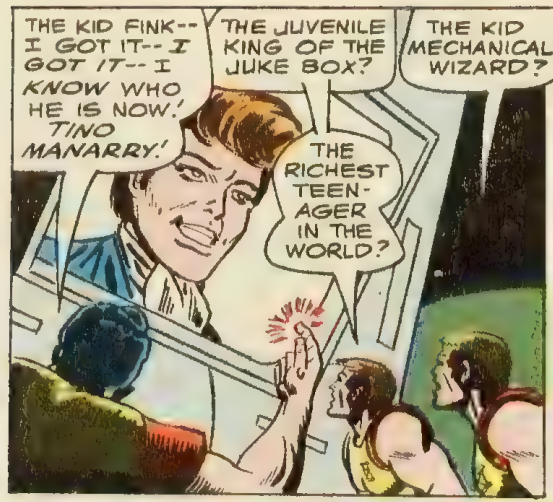
THE DRONE MISSILE WILL FOLLOW HIM TO HIS DESTINATION! ONCE HE STOPS MOVING-- WE START!



THIS IS WHERE WE TALK, EH? VERY WELL, STEP OUT AND--

HERE I AM, BIG DADDY!

EGAD! A CHILD! A MERE BOY! YOU SAVED ME FROM THE LAW? YOU DESIGNED THIS AMAZING VEHICLE? WHO ARE YOU?



THE KID FINK--
I GOT IT-- I
GOT IT-- I
KNOW WHO
HE IS NOW.
TINO
MANARRY!

THE JUVENILE
KING OF THE
JUKE BOX?

THE KID
MECHANICAL
WIZARD?

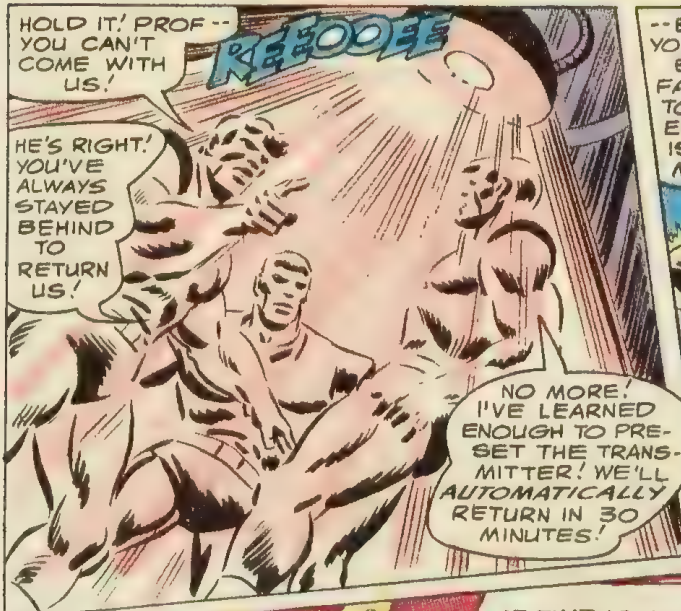
THE RICHEST
TEEN-
AGER
IN THE
WORLD?



BUT WHY
SHOULD
HE BE
AFTER
OUR
SCALPS!
IT'S
NUTTY!

SO WHAT?
ALL KIDS
ARE NUTTY
THESE
DAYS!

A FINE OBJECTIVE
VIEW, GRAMPA!
NOW STOP ARGUING
AND GET INTO THE
TELEPORTATION
CABINET! WE'LL
GO ASK THE KID
HIMSELF!



HOLD IT! PROF--
YOU CAN'T
COME WITH
US!

REFOOF

HE'S RIGHT!
YOU'VE
ALWAYS
STAYED
BEHIND
TO
RETURN
US!

NO MORE!
I'VE LEARNED
ENOUGH TO PRE-
SET THE TRANS-
MITTER! WE'LL
AUTOMATICALLY
RETURN IN 30
MINUTES!



--BUT THAT MEANS
YOU'RE--YOU'RE RICH
BEYOND DREAMS!
FAMOUS ENOUGH
TO SATISFY ANY
EGO! THEN WHAT
IS IT YOU WANT OF
ME, MANARRY?

NOT CASH OR
CORRUPTION,
BUDDY! JUST
A CHANCE TO
HELP YOU WITH
ONE JOB--
THE DEATH
OF--



--THOSE
CREEPS! THE
CHALLENGERS
THEMSELVES!
AND JUST IN
TIME!

IF THAT IS ALL YOU DESIRE,
SON-- BE MY GUEST! WE
SHALL FINISH THEM
TOGETHER!

WHAT A DANDY
DUO! A KOOKY
KID AND A
KILOWATT NUT!
WE'RE A
CINCH!

DON'T SELL 'EM
SHORT, ROCKY!
STICK TO THE
MASTER PLAN!



DON'T GET CLOSE TO HIM! MAKE HIM COME AFTER YOU! WEAR HIM DOWN! WHEN HIS ENERGY RUNS LOW-- THEN WE STRIKE!



NYAH! NYAH! YOUR MOTHER EATS LIGHT BULBS! YOUR FATHER'S A DEAD BATTERY! AND YOU CAN'T CATCH ME! NYAH!



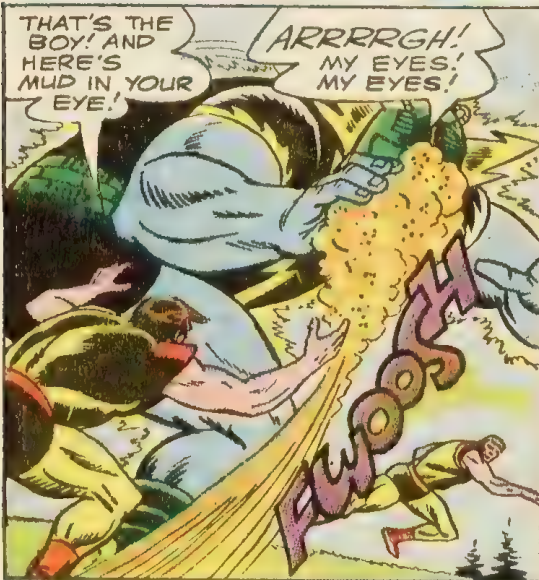
SHUT UP-- YOU CHEAP TINSEL-BRAINED TELEVISION HERO! I'LL CRUSH YOU WITH ONE HAND!

AROOOF!

TOO BAD POWER MAN! BUT WHY DON'T YOU TRY ME? I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!



I GOT NEWS FOR YOU, BUB! YOU CAN'T HURT-- WHAT YOU CAN'T CATCH!



THAT'S THE BOY! AND HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE!

ARRRRGH!
MY EYES!
MY EYES!



AWWW, YOU GUYS HAVE ALL THE FUN! LEMME TAKE ONE POKE AT HIM!

NO, ROCKY! STAY AWAY! REMEMBER THE PLAN!



COOL IT PROF!
I'M GONNA
HIT AND RUN,
FIRST I
HIT--

AROOOF!

BAW!



--AND
NOW I
RUN!

AND
NOW YOU
"FAW
DOWN
AND
GO
BOOM!"

EEEEOF!

THE YOUNG
FINK-- HE
BLOCKED ME!



NOW I HAVE
HIM! BUT I HAVE
WITHDRAWN
MOST OF THE
ENERGY FROM
THIS HAND SO
THAT HE IS
NOT IN TOO
MUCH PAIN!

ARRGH!

SURRENDER
NOW, YOU TWO,
OR I'LL BURN
HIM TO A
CRISP!



NO--DON'T DO IT,
GUYS! IF YOU QUIT,
HE'LL KILL US
ALL! **ARRGH!**

BESIDES--
HE'S NOT
REALLY
HURTIN'
ME!

WE'VE GOT NO
CHOICE, ROCKY-CHUM!
WE HAVE TO SURRENDER!



I WILL BE BACK
SHORTLY! YOU
GUARD THEM,
MANARRY! I HAVE
PLANS FOR THEM
LATER!

RIGHT,
POWER
MAN!



WHAT HE DOESN'T
KNOW IS, I'VE
GOT PLANS OF
MY OWN FOR
YOU! LIKE
RIGHT NOW--
YOU DIE!

YOU
TEEN CREEP!
WHAT'S BUGGIN'
YOU? WHY
ARE YOU
FLIPPED
ABOUT
KNOCKING US
OFF?

WHY? I'LL TELL
YOU WHY!
YOU KILLED
MY
BROTHER--
RED
RYAN!

WHAT?

YEAH-- THE GUY WHO
TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING
I KNOW-- THE GUY WHO
GAVE ME ALL THE
BREAKS-- THAT'S
WHO YOU KILLED!

I'M MARTIN
RYAN--
ALIAS TINO
MANARRY!

YOU LET HIM DIE FOR YOU!
NOW I'M EVENING THE SCORE!

REASON WITH HIM,
PROP! MAKE THIS
KOOKY KID UNDER-
STAND HOW IT
REALLY WAS!

HE'S BEYOND
THAT, ROCKY!
THAT KID'S
GOT TO
SHOOT US!
IF HE DOESN'T--
HE'LL GO
OFF HIS
CHOMP!

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN HE WILL? HE
IS OFF HIS CHOMP!

THE CLOCK'S GOING TICK-TICK-TICK! AND ALL OUR
FRIENDS CAN DO IS TALK-TALK-TALK? MAN--THEY
REALLY ARE IN TROUBLE!

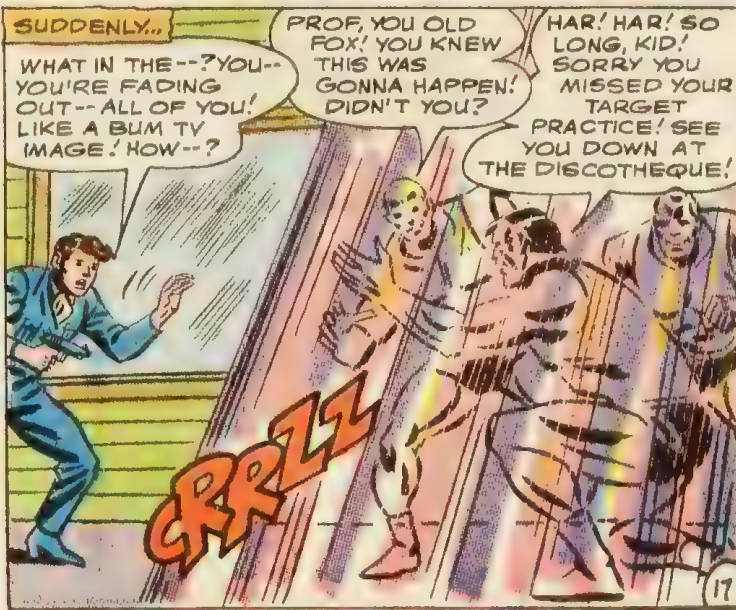
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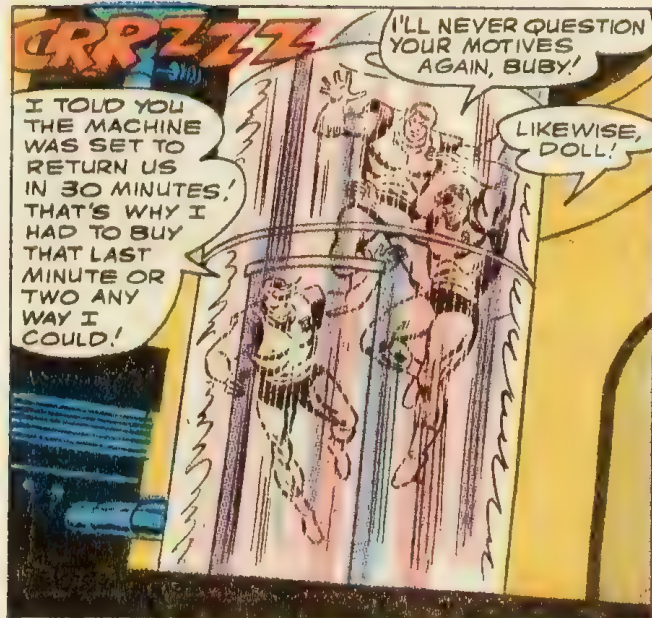


HATE BATMAN! KILL BATMAN!

The BLOCKBUSTER--
THE FURY-FILLED
FOE THAT IS
**"TOO TOUGH
for BATMAN--"**
GOES ON THE
RAMPAGE AGAIN!

ON SALE
JUNE 6th





I TOLD YOU THE MACHINE WAS SET TO RETURN US IN 30 MINUTES! THAT'S WHY I HAD TO BUY THAT LAST MINUTE OR TWO ANY WAY I COULD!

I'LL NEVER QUESTION YOUR MOTIVES AGAIN, BUBY!

LIKewise, DOLL!



YOU SURE HAD ME FOOLED! I REALLY BOUGHT IT--THE IDEA THAT YOU WERE TURNING CHICKEN!

I'LL START CHICKENING OUT WHEN YOU START READING SHAKE-SPEARE AND QUOTING EINSTEIN, ROCKY! NOW LET'S GO! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!



NOT SO FAST, TEACHER! WHAT'S THE BIG RUSH?

WE'VE GOT TO FIND SOME WAY TO PROVE TO THAT KID THAT WE DIDN'T KILL HIS BROTHER! OTHERWISE HE'LL KEEP GUNNING FOR US!

THAT'S ONE WHALE OF A JOB, SONNY!



ROCKY'S RIGHT! WE CAN'T PROVE THAT RED DIED ALONE--BY HIS OWN DECISION! ONLY HE COULD TESTIFY TO THAT!

AND HE'S NOT COMIN' BACK--JUST TO HAVE A TEA-TIME CHAT WITH US!

WAIT A MINUTE! MAYBE--MAYBE HE IS!

HUH?



MEANWHILE, AT TINO'S MOUNTAIN LODGE...

THAT'S RIGHT, PARTNER--I'M GOING TO CUT INTO THE ENTIRE POWER NETWORK OF THE EAST COAST--ABSORB EVERY LAST KILOWATT OF ENERGY FROM IT, DOMINATE THE ENTIRE COUNTRY--AND KILL THE CHALLENGERS!

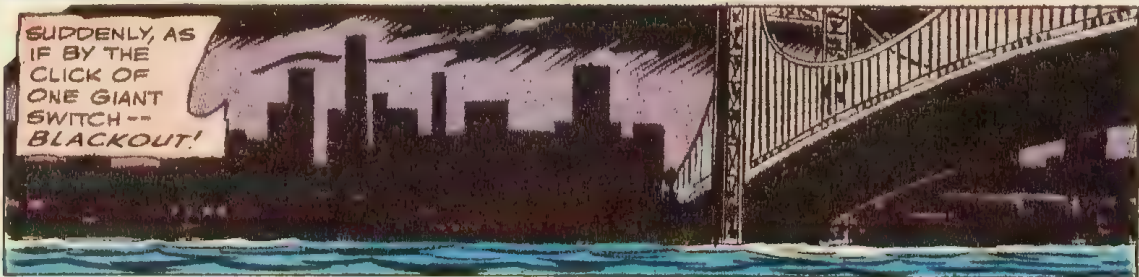
THAT LAST PART IS THE ONLY THING THAT INTERESTS ME!

ONCE THAT'S DONE, WE'RE THROUGH, POWER MAN! I'M NO PARTNER OF YOURS!

LATER, AS
NIGHT FALLS,
A GREAT
CITY COMES
TO BLAZING
LIGHT...



SUDDENLY, AS
IF BY THE
CLICK OF
ONE GIANT
SWITCH--
BLACKOUT!



AND, AT ONE OF THE ELECTRICAL NERVE
CENTERS ALONG THE EAST COAST...

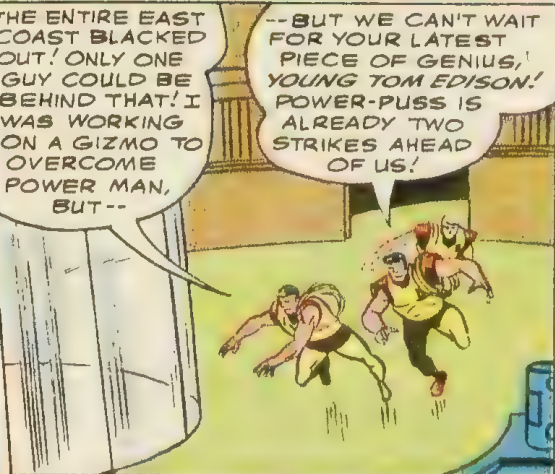
NOW I HAVE IT--
MORE POWER IN
MY OWN BODY
THAN IN 100
ATOM BOMBS!

CAESAR
MADE ROME
TREMBLE!
BUT,
BEFORE ME,
THE WHOLE
WORLD
WILL
QUAKE!



THE ENTIRE EAST
COAST BLACKED
OUT! ONLY ONE
GUY COULD BE
BEHIND THAT! I
WAS WORKING
ON A GIZMO TO
OVERCOME
POWER MAN,
BUT--

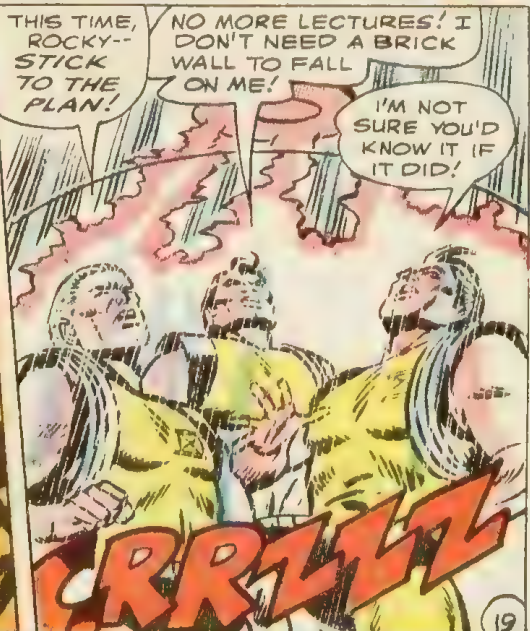
--BUT WE CAN'T WAIT
FOR YOUR LATEST
PIECE OF GENIUS!
YOUNG TOM EDISON!
POWER-PUSS IS
ALREADY TWO
STRIKES AHEAD
OF US!

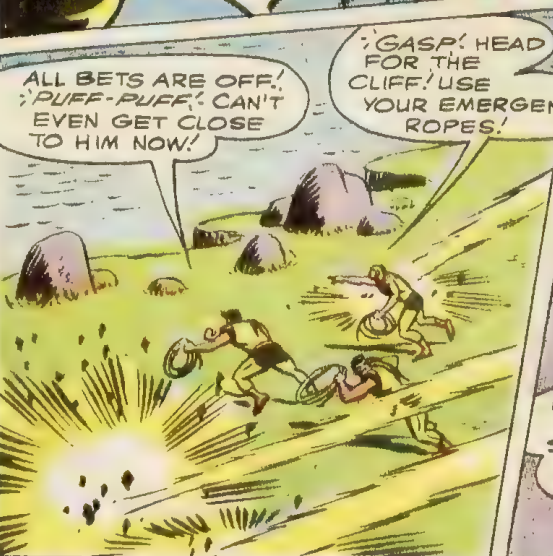
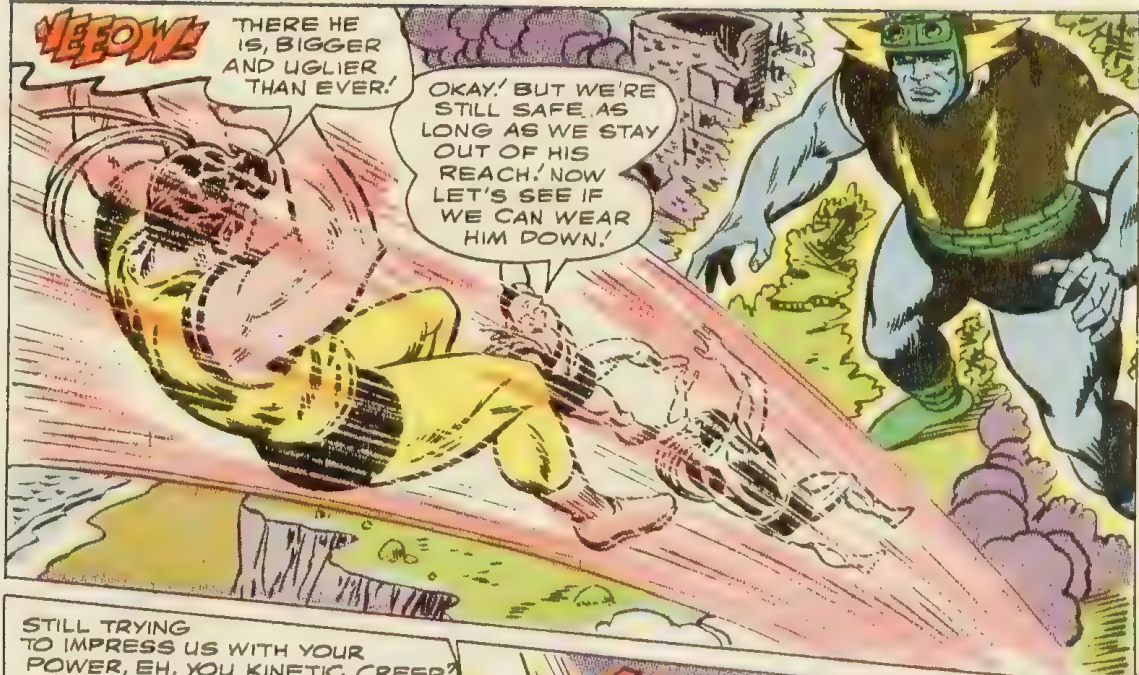


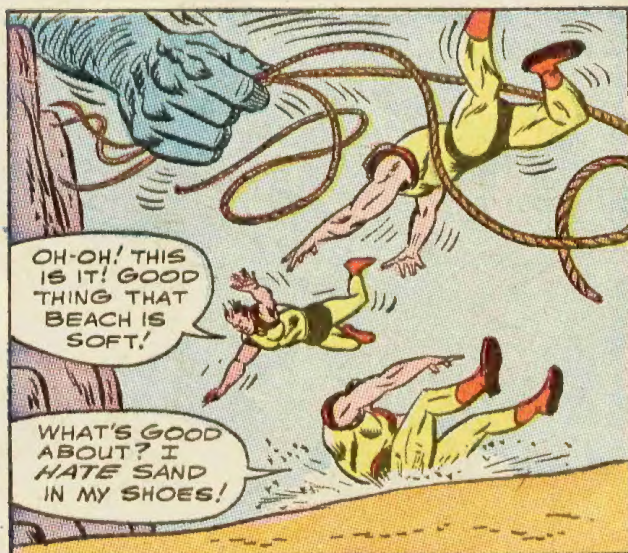
THIS TIME,
ROCKY--
STICK
TO THE
PLAN!

NO MORE LECTURES! I
DON'T NEED A BRICK
WALL TO FALL
ON ME!

I'M NOT
SURE YOU'D
KNOW IT IF
IT DID!

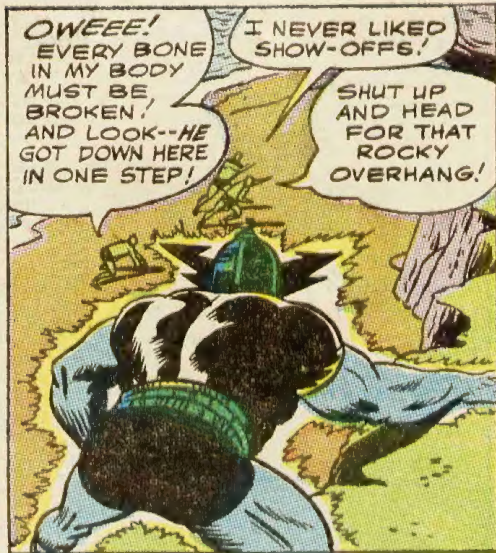






OH-OH! THIS IS IT! GOOD THING THAT BEACH IS SOFT!

WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT? I HATE SAND IN MY SHOES!



OWEEE!
EVERY BONE IN MY BODY MUST BE BROKEN! AND LOOK--HE GOT DOWN HERE IN ONE STEP!

I NEVER LIKED SHOW-OFFS!

SHUT UP AND HEAD FOR THAT ROCKY OVERHANG!



HERE HE COMES! NOW LET HIM GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO START THROWING THOSE ELECTRIC SPITBALLS AT US!

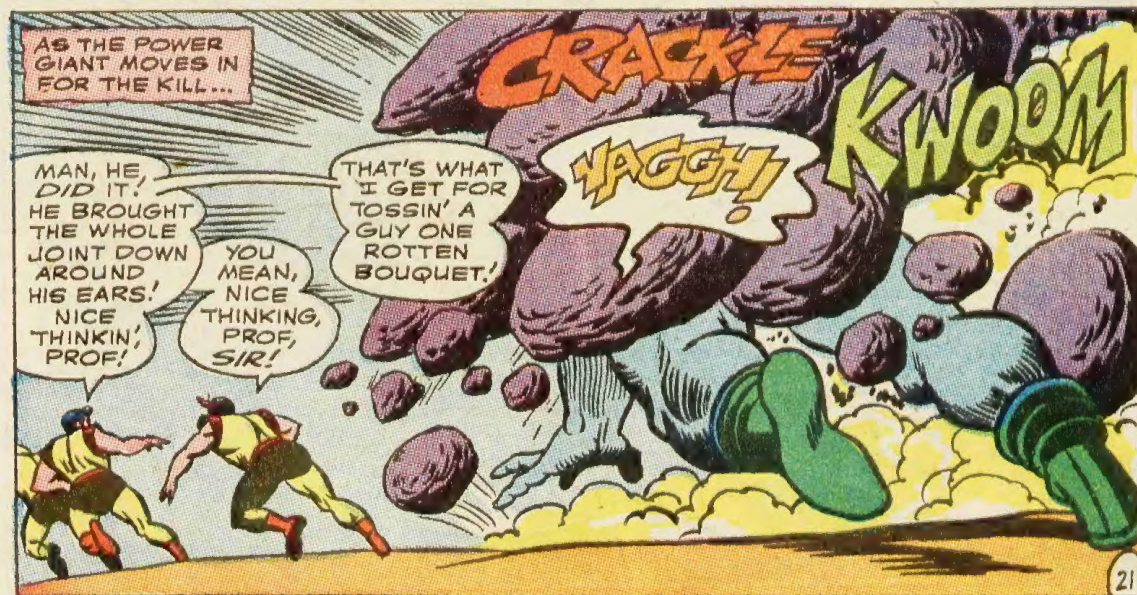
I SURE HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, PROFESSOR!

YEAH-- YOU SURE SOME OF THAT SAND DIDN'T GET INTO YOUR BRAIN?



MAN, THIS STUFF IS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT! AND WHAT'S IT GETTIN' US?

IT'S PULLIN HIM IN CLOSER! HE'LL BE UNDER THIS LEDGE IN ANOTHER SECOND! OKAY--TAKE OFF! I MEAN LIKE--GO!



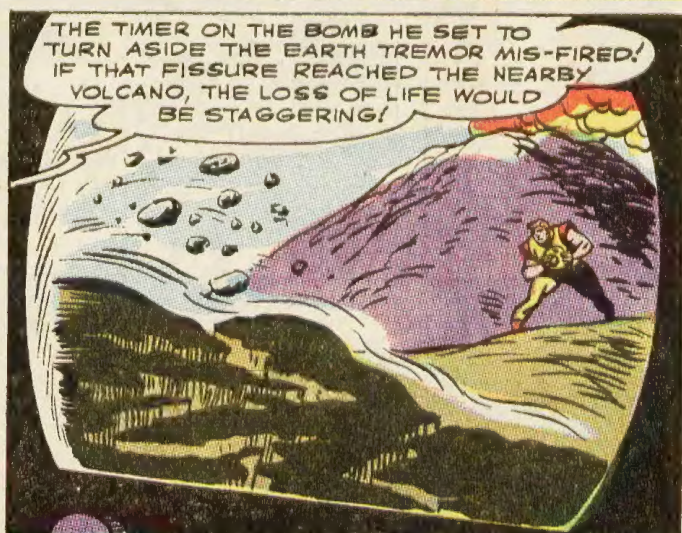
AS THE POWER GIANT MOVES IN FOR THE KILL...

MAN, HE DID IT! HE BROUGHT THE WHOLE JOINT DOWN AROUND HIS EARS! NICE THINKIN', PROF!

YOU MEAN, NICE THINKING, PROF, SIR!

THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR TOSSIN' A GUY ONE ROTTEN BOUQUET!

CRACKLE KWOOOM WAGGH!



I TRIED TO KILL THE THREE OF YOU--HIS BUDDIES! AND I JOINED UP WITH AN EGO-MAD CREEP WHO'D EITHER OWN THE WORLD--OR CREAM IT! BUT NO MORE!

SO YOU'VE TURNED ON ME, YOU JELLYFISH!

WHA--?

YOU HEARD ME! I'LL DIE BEFORE I'LL SERVE YOU, YOU NUT!

TREACHERY! THE WORST CRIME OF ALL! BUT YOU WON'T DIE IN THE OCEAN, TINO! THAT WOULD BE TOO PAINLESS!

IS--IS THE KID CRAZY?

WHAT'S HE WANT TO COMMIT SUICIDE FOR? WHY NOT STAND AND FIGHT--TAKE HIS CHANCES ALONGSIDE US?

I DON'T THINK HE'S SO NUTS, ROCKY!

A KID WITH A TECHNICAL BRAIN LIKE HIS FIGURED POWER MAN WOULD BE IN TROUBLE ONCE HE HIT THE WATER! AND THE GIANT WAS TOO ANGRY TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING!

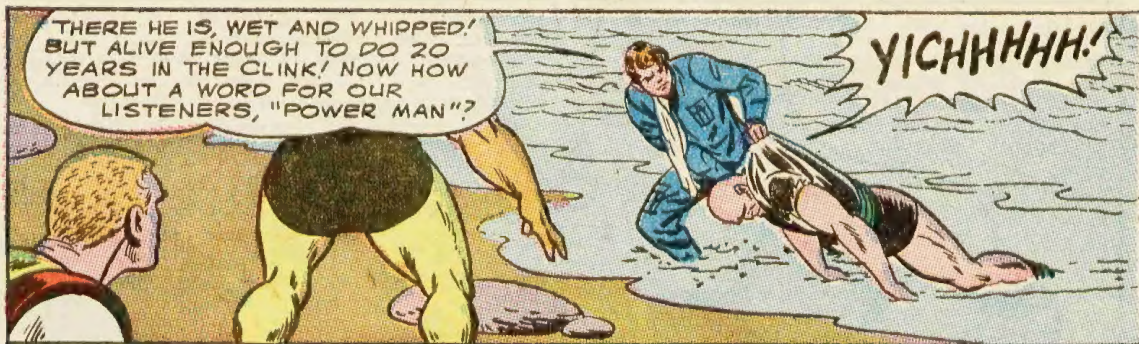
CRRZZZZ

WAGH!!

SHOVING PURE ENERGY INTO WATER IS LIKE SURROUNDING IT WITH A MILLION COPPER WIRES--IT'S BEING CONDUCTED OFF IN ALL DIRECTIONS!

HE'S SHRINKING LIKE AN IGLOO AT THE EQUATOR! THAT KID MAY BE A FINK--BUT HE'S A SMART FINK!

CRACK
CRACKLE
SNAP
CRRRRZZZZ



LATER, AT THE CHALLENGERS' SECRET HEADQUARTERS...

ME A CHALLENGER? THANKS, MEN! AND I KNOW YOU OFFERED IT MOSTLY FOR RED! BUT IT'S NOT FOR ME! THOSE CORNY UNIFORMS--AND THE BOY-SCOUT SCHEDULES!



I'M NOT KNOCKIN' IT! IT'S JUST NOT MY POT OF PUNCH! BUT IF YOU'RE EVER UP AGAINST IT-- NEED THE COOL HAND OF A YOUNG MASTER--

COOL HAND, MY FOOT! SCRAM BEFORE I SHOVE THOSE SIX STEEL STRINGS DOWN YOUR THROAT!

GO, TINO! I CAN'T HOLD HIM MUCH LONGER! GOODBYE, KID!



DOWN DOWN DOWN

YOU'LL **SHRINK**
to SUB-MICROSCOPIC
SIZE!



AND THEN YOU'LL
ENTER THE MINISCULE
WORLD WHERE
AQUAMAN
KING OF THE SEVEN SEAS,
AND **The ATOM**, WORLD'S
SMALLEST SUPER-HERO, ARE
TRAPPED AND IMPRISONED!

IT'S ANOTHER
GREAT DC
TEAM-UP IN...

The BRAVE and the BOLD

ON SALE JUNE 22nd

